

CLAIMS:

1. A customer service system comprising a plurality of customer service units individually usable by a customer upon payment of a corresponding fee, computing means connected to control the activation of each of the service units, selection means operable by the customer to select a service unit for use by the customer and to indicate the selected unit to the computing means, and centralised payment means for accepting payment from a customer in respect of a selected service unit, the computing means being operable to activate the selected service unit in response to receipt of the corresponding fee by the centralised payment means.
2. A control system according to Claim 1, wherein the activation of each service unit is controlled by a relay switch actuated by the computing means in response to signals passed from the centralised payment means to the computing means.
3. A control system according to Claim 1 or 2, further comprising a plurality of time switches controlled by the computing means for controlling additional equipment.
4. A control system according to any preceding Claim, wherein the centralised payment means comprises a coin slot, decoding means for translating signals produced by the action of depositing coins in the coin slot into instructions for the computing means and means for sorting the coins in the centralised payment means.
5. A control system according to any preceding Claim, wherein the service units are laundry equipment.

6. A control system substantially as herein before described with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings.

7. Any novel feature or combination of features herein disclosed.